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HAVE ALSO LONG BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE LACKLUSTER LEADERSHIP AND
INDECISIVENESS OF ADOUILA.

ARMY CHIEF GENERAL MOBUTU MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THIS GROUP OR
AT LEAST SAY TACITLY SUPPORT ITS AIMS. MOBUTU HAS RECENTLY BE-
COME SHARPLY CRITICAL OF ADOUILA. //

2. MOROCCO-ALGERIA: ALGERIA HAS ANNOUNCED THE "Mobiliza-
TION OF ALL FORMER FIGHTING MEN" AS SHIRMISSES ALONG THE UNDEFINED
BORDER AREA CONTINUE.

PRESS STORIES THAT THE AREA OF FIGHTING HAS EXPANDED BEYOND
THE TWO H OUTPOSTS OF KASSI BISKRA AND TINJOUR AND THAT 2,500
MOROCCAN TROOPS ARE KILLED ARE STILL UNCONFIRMED. ALGERIAN AIR
STRIKES SOME 150 MILES TO SOUTHEAST REPORTED IN PRESS ON 18 OCT.

THE KING AND HIS OPERATIONAL STAFF HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR
HEADQUARTERS AT MARAKECH. TAGOUNITE, 35 MILES SOUTH OF TINJOUR,
AND APPARENTLY IS BEING USED AS THE FORWARD MOROCCAN BASE.

IN ADDITION, AN ALERT IS BEING MAINTAINED ALONG THE EASTERN
MOROCCAN BORDER. ~~THE 1500 FT. HIGH MOUNTAINS SEPARATE THE ALGERIAN~~
ARMY HAS BEEN REINFORCING ITS BORDER UNITS IN THE MAURIA-TLEZEN

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BEN BEALA'S ENVOYS ARRIVED IN MARRAKECH 15 OCT FOR TALKS WITH MOROCCAN OFFICIALS, WHICH REPORTEDLY DID NOT GO WELL.

3. TURKEY: THE INONU GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL EXTEND MARTIAL LAW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL MONTHS, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF CONTINUING UNSETTLED POLITICAL CONDITIONS. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD EXTENSION SINCE THE ABORTIVE MILITARY COUP OF LAST MAY. REGIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 17 NOVEMBER MAY NOW BE POSTPONED. (CONF)

4. FRANCE-IRAN: PRIME MINISTER ALAM EXPECTS DE GAULLE TO OFFER IRAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, PRIMARILY CREDITS FOR THE PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND ELECTRIFICATION, DURING A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO IRAN WHICH BEGINS TODAY. ALAM DID NOT SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT. FRENCH SOURCES DESCRIBE THE VISIT AS ELARGELY CEREMONIAL, ALTHOUGH DE GAULLE WILL MAKE A MAJOR ADDRESS TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT TOMORROW. (CONF)

ENDOF MESSAGE

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